# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF BAMBOO
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have approached the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) to develop Bamboo and its products;

(b) if so, the details thereof the nature of help sought from UNEP;

(c) the number of people likely to be benefited therefrom;

(d) whether sustained efforts are likely to be made to develop Bamboo growth; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) The Government have not approached the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) in this regard. However, during the visit of Executive Director of UNEP to India in February 2000, the issue of cooperation for development and utilisation of Bamboo resources was discussed.

( c ) Does not arise.

(d) & (e) Bamboo is planted along with other species in various afforestation programmes undertaken by the State Governments. The Government have identified development of bamboo resources as one of the thrust areas and is providing assistance to States under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme . During the Ninth Five Year Plan a sum of Rs.20.85 crore has been earmarked for raising 30,161 hectares of plantation.